

Abstract

The aim of the thesis on the topic of Criminological aspects of hate crime is to comprehensively cover the issue of this particular crime in the Czech Republic, its specifics and differences from other types of crime.

The work is divided into eight chapters. The first chapter is introductory and gives the explanation of the concept of hate crimes, its characteristics and division. This chapter also contains analysis of the crimes, where the motive consisting of racial, ethnic, religious and other hatred is a sign of a basic or skilled fact in issue. In the second chapter there are terms extremism, racism, xenophobia, anti-Semitism, nationalism, terrorism, their definition and division discussed in more detail. Chapter Three and Chapter Four are focused on the offenders and victims of hate crimes. They concentrate primarily on how are the offenders and victims of these crimes distinguished from the offenders and victims of "normal" crimes. The fifth chapter explains the most common form of commission, the most common objects and offenders of hate crimes. The sixth chapter describes the causes of hate crimes, i.e. prejudices, stereotypes, social and economic situations. Chapter Seven is devoted to the development and situation on the Czech extremist scene. Chapter Seven describes the most important international documents that are used in the fight against discrimination. The conclusion of the thesis is a reflection on the possible prevention of this type of crime.

The thesis also contains annexes which include the statistics and graphs about the crime and description of the most famous cases in relation to the theme of the work.

Although the proportion of crimes motivated by hate is to the total crime relatively insignificant, this is a very serious phenomenon. Moreover, current trends suggest that the number of crimes will rise.